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Maine Team Floating Toward Offshore Wind Power



By [Sylvia Carignan](#) and [Chuck McCutcheon](#)

A Maine team is taking the lead in the U.S. race toward developing floating offshore wind power, Adrienne Appel writes.

- Offshore wind is one of the largest sources of renewable energy, and the University of Maine and a construction company [are working](#) to build and site turbines on concrete floating hulls that would generate a total of 12 megawatts.
- The first company to site floating wind turbines was Norway-based Equinor ASA, with a 30-megawatt project. The company also has three fixed turbines in the U.K.

SUPREME COURT TEES UP SUPERFUND DEBATE

The U.S. Supreme Court's choice to take on Atlantic Richfield's Montana Superfund case could stoke a "blaze of litigation" or reinforce order under the contamination cleanup statute, depending on what the court decides, attorneys told Sylvia Carignan.

- Atlantic Richfield asked the court to review its case after the Montana Supreme Court decided to allow landowners to pursue common law claims for environmental restoration.
- The Superfund site at the center of the case, the Anaconda Smelter, is on EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler's priority list.

AMENDMENTS TO EPA, INTERIOR BILL CONSIDERED

The House Rules Committee considers floor amendments to H.R. 3055, the latest "minibus" spending bill that includes money for the EPA and Interior Department.

- Among the amendments that have been submitted: a bipartisan measure that would put a moratorium on oil and gas drilling and related activities in the Atlantic, including the North Atlantic, Mid-Atlantic, and the South Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf Planning Areas. Another bipartisan proposal from coastal lawmakers would bar Interior from using funds to issue seismic airgun testing permits in the Atlantic Ocean.
- On the EPA, an amendment from three Democrats would bar the agency from using money to finalize changes to the Obama-era Mercury and Air Toxics Standard from power plants.

WHAT ELSE WE'RE WATCHING



Pelicans fly over a youth swimming at Florida's Playalinda Beach.
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- A growing number of Southeastern states are wary of the impacts of coastal seismic testing related to oil and gas development between Maryland and Florida. North Carolina has officially objected to

WesternGeco's testing plan, while South Carolina is considering joining the objection. Florida is also concerned about the potential effects, but the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration rebuffed its request to review WesternGeco's plan, Dee Ann Miller, a spokeswoman for Florida's Department of Environmental Protection, told Bloomberg Environment's Jennifer Kay. "We will continue to advocate for the protection of Florida's natural resources," Miller said.

- The Sustainable Business Summit, hosted at Bloomberg's London headquarters, will feature talks with Syngenta, Orsted, and Philips.
- EPA's electronic manifest advisory board meets to discuss why hazardous waste handlers aren't using the new system.

INSIGHTS

Diversity, Wellbeing Initiatives Constantly Evolving at Paul Hastings

For law firms, diversity is key to success, and it requires continued effort to achieve equality and inclusion. Arun Birla, chair of Paul Hastings' London office, says the more diverse the team, the higher the performance, and offers ideas and examples of impactful changes made at the firm.

DAILY RUNDOWN

Top Stories

Uranium Mine Operators Dodge Worker Risks With High Court Loss

The U.S. Supreme Court's ruling June 17 that state regulators acted properly in restricting uranium mining shuts the door on Virginia Uranium Inc.'s proposed underground mine.

New Jersey Clears Way to Rejoin Regional Carbon Trading Pact

New Jersey laid the formal regulatory groundwork to rejoin the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative and become the 10th member of an emissions-trading alliance of New England and Mid-Atlantic states.

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Biodiesel Tax Credit Included in Tax Extender Legislation

An extension of the \$1 per gallon biodiesel tax credit is part of the tax extender legislation that the House Ways and Means Committee may mark up as soon as June 20, three people familiar with the matter said.

Pipe Developer Makes Unusual Plea to U.S. for \$5 Billion Project

The company behind a delayed shale gas pipeline is making an unusual

request to the U.S. government as it seeks to get around a court decision that threatens to block conduits crossing the Appalachian Trail.

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New York Close to Making Net-Zero Emissions Economy the Law

New York state leaders have reached an agreement on legislation that addresses climate change and puts state clean energy goals into law, Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo (D) said.

Vermont to Have Nation's Toughest School Lead Level

Vermont will launch the toughest school lead testing program in the nation under a law signed by Gov. Phil Scott (R).

TODAY'S EVENTS

- **9:30 a.m. • Deferred Maintenance** • Senate energy panel discusses deferred maintenance needs and potential solutions on federal lands administered by the Interior Department of the Interior and Forest Service.
- **9:30 a.m. • Southeast Asia** • Center for Strategic & International Studies holds forum on energy and infrastructure initiatives in Southeast Asia.
- **10 a.m. • ESG Investing** • American Enterprise Institute holds forum on environmental, social, and governance (ESG) investing.
- **Noon • Clean Water Act** • Environmental Law Institute holds seminar on the basics of the Clear Water Act.
- **Noon • Regulations** • Federalist Society holds panel discussion on agency rulemaking at the National Press Club.
- **1 p.m. • PFAS** • American Bar Association holds webinar on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances.
- **5:30 p.m. • Biodiversity** • Office for Science and Technology of the Embassy of France and Smithsonian Conservation Commons sponsor discussion on biodiversity.

AROUND THE WEB

- The annual Burning Man festival's environmental impacts have the Bureau of Land Management recommending that attendance be capped at the same level for the next decade.
- The EPA proposes removing a California Superfund site from the National Priorities List.

- Luke Bolar, formerly of Edelman and the Senate environment panel, joins ClearPath's [team](#) as managing director for external affairs.

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